

Inaugural programme on Hortipreneurship for livelihood improvement in rural youths and Promotion of Nutrition garden and providing inputs under SCSP Programme at ICAR- K H Patil KVK, Gadag

As a part of schedule caste sub-plan programme of this directorate in collaboration with ICAR-K.H. Patil, KVK, Hulkoti, Gadag, Karnataka organized a five days training programme on Hortipreneurship for livelihood improvement in rural youths from 16th to 20th January 2024. During the inaugural session Dr. Sri Narayan H Bhandi Subject matter specialist briefed about the five days training programme and selection of beneficiaries under SCSP scheme. Dr. Suresh Kumbar Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Shirahatti, Gadag, chief guest of the programme addressed the participants by highlighting the importance of horticulture in entrepreneurship development and advanced technologies and opportunities available for rural youth to achieve self sustenance.



In this programme, Dr. Manjesh, G. N. Scientist, (SPMAP), Nodal officer SCSP, ICAR-DCR, Puttur, briefed about the implementation of SCSP programmes. He emphasized about



horticulture sector contributing towards agriculture GDP, the scope and opportunities to take up entrepreneurship in horticulture.

Further, Dr. Veena, G.L., Scientist (Fruit Science), ICAR-DCR, Puttur addressed the gathering and highlighted the nutritional importance of Cashew apple and layout of kitchen garden in the backyards. She also highlighted about the technologies for cashew apple value addition available at ICAR-DCR puttur for commercialization to become horticulture entrepreneur.

Dr. Jyoti Nishad, Scientist (Food technology) ICAR-DCR, Puttur spoke about nutritional aspects of fruits and vegetables in daily diet. She also briefed about the importance of labeling, packaging and food license in commercialization of the processed food products and discussed about the government schemes available for funding.



Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Head and Subject Matter Specialist (Home Science) ICAR-K.H. Patil KVK, Hulikoti, Gadag, gave presidential address about the importance of balanced nutrition in the daily diet and emphasized on the benefits of the kitchen garden and inspired the participants by highlighting about the successful entrepreneurs in horticulture sector.



This was followed by the distribution of kitchen garden tools (9 inputs), Vegetable seed kits of 8 different vegetable seeds and vegetable special a nutrient mixture to promote nutrition/kitchen garden among the 25 beneficiaries.

The inaugural programme was ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Vinayaka Niranjana Scientist (FMP), ICAR-K H Patil KVK Hulkoti. This event was coordinated and moderated by Mrs. Hemavathi, H., Scientist (Horticulture) ICAR-K H Patil KVK Hulkoti.

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